

EXHIBIT 2

Welsh in America Americans in History

John Pierpont Morgan (1837 - 1913)
had Welsh ancestry who established the Morgan family's gallery in the early 17th century. After the Civil War, J.P. Morgan built his father's firm into the biggest banking company in the USA. His bank financed the blossoming railroad system and, in 1901, he set up the US Steel Corporation. Followed, in 1902, by International Harvester Morgan's control over American and public financing was, and still is, without equal. The exquisite Morgan Library in New York City was once home to this illustrious family.

Frank Lloyd Wright (1867 - 1959)
whose mother, Anna Lloyd Jones, came from a long line of Welsh Methodists, was brought up in Wisconsin by his Welsh grandparents in what was known as 'the Valley of the God Almighty Joneses.' Frank Lloyd

The Welsh in America 3. Going West

LEWIS AND CLARK

Thomas Jefferson sent his Welsh private secretary Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the uncharted territories west of the Mississippi. They used the map



Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

of the young Welsh explorer John Evans. The Lewis and Clark expedition changed world power by opening up the interior of the continent to exploration and colonization by the USA.

THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

In 1849, after the discovery of gold in California by James W. Wicks, thousands of Welsh people with mining in their blood joined the

Gold Rush. Hundreds of thousands of hopeful pioneers flooded into the area and the output of gold rose from \$5 million to \$55 million in three years.

COLORADO GOLD

By 1859, 'Gregory Gulch' was known as 'the richest square mile in the world' and Welsh prospectors came from Dodgeville and Cambria in Wisconsin over the Great Plains to this area of Colorado.



Before the railroad was built in 1870, they came in ox-driven covered wagons and the journey took seven months. The final 8-mile journey up the valley to Central City required crossing the river fifty-eight



COMMERCE

Pryce Jones Department Store

On Valentine's Day in 1911, Pryce Jones Department store opened in Calgary. The store was a Canadian branch of the famous mail-order company in Newtown, North Wales owned by mail order pioneer Pryce Pryce Jones. His son, Albert ran the store. It employed 100 staff and serviced over 60,000 customers in Alberta, BC, and Saskatchewan. Many of the employees were of Welsh origin with several coming from Newtown, North Wales.

Eventually competition with the Hudson's Bay Company forced the store to close its doors.

Robert Cadogan Thomas (1862-1950)

Another key figure in the early development of Calgary was Robert Cadogan Thomas. He arrived in Canada in 1883 from Wales.

After horsestealing he moved to Calgary and bought the corner of 8th Avenue and 2nd Street S.W., where he built a livery business. Later he branched into development. Among his many buildings were the Cadogan Building, the Wales Hotel and the Royal Hotel; these buildings were eventually destroyed.

The Pryce Jones Department Store on the corner of 12th Avenue and 1st Street S.W., Calgary, Canada, 1911.



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